# GOAL 4: Teacher Education and Professional Development

## State Indicator 16. Teacher Support

Have states<sup>1</sup> increased the percentages of public school teachers who report that during their first year of teaching they participated in a formal teacher induction program to help beginning teachers by assigning them to a master or mentor teacher?

↑ Better 17 states and the U.S.

No Change 33 states

Worse 1 state

#### Improvement over time

Between 1991 and 1994, the U.S. and 17 states (out of 51) significantly increased the percentages of public school teachers who reported that during their first year of teaching they participated in a formal teacher induction program to help beginning teachers by assigning them to a master or mentor teacher:

1. Arizona 7. Indiana 13. South Carolina 2. California 8. Kentucky 14. Texas 3. Connecticut 9. Missouri 15. Utah 4. Delaware 10. New York 16. Virginia 5. Florida 11. North Carolina 17. Wisconsin 6. Idaho 12. Pennsylvania

### **Highest-performing states\***

States with the highest percentages of public school teachers who reported that during their first year of teaching they participated in a formal teacher induction program to help beginning teachers by assigning them to a master or mentor teacher:

| U.S.                 | 27%**  |
|----------------------|--------|
| Hawaii               | 33%    |
| Kentucky             | 34%    |
| California           | 35%    |
| North Carolina       | 36%    |
| District of Columbia | 39%    |
| Utah                 | 40%    |
| Oklahoma             | 45%    |
| Florida              | 48%    |
|                      | (1994) |

<sup>\*</sup> States that had a significantly higher percentage than the U.S. average.

#### **Most-improved states**

States that made the greatest gains in the percentages of public school teachers who reported that during their first year of teaching they participated in a formal teacher induction program to help beginning teachers by assigning them to a master or mentor teacher:

|                | (1991) | (1994) | Change* |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| North Carolina | 24%    | 36%    | +12     |
| Pennsylvania   | 20%    | 31%    | +11     |
| Kentucky       | 24%    | 34%    | +10     |
| New York       | 21%    | 31%    | +10     |
| Indiana        | 14%    | 22%    | +9      |
| Virginia       | 21%    | 30%    | +9      |

<sup>\*</sup> Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Percentage shown for the U.S. includes both public and nonpublic school data.